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Majority prices were unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, at times good into fast food for promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items were in good balance on boneless skinless, sufficient for the remaining cuts. Wings were well balanced with spots of increased interest, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/21/03-04/25/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	53.67	15	57.53
Chicago	47.00-50.00	50.09	41	52.62
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	56.90
Denver	68.50	68.50	16	67.08
Detroit	49.00-50.00	50.67	9	55.15
Los Angeles	69.00	67.59	58	63.27
New York	50.00-53.00	52.36	22	55.10
Philadelphia	51.00-53.00	52.33	12	52.37
Pittsburgh	51.00-53.00	52.00	11	57.77
St. Louis	49.25-49.50	48.80	22	49.85
San Francisco	69.50	67.95	30	69.65

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/28/03	Change/Last Wk	04/21/03	04/29/02
581	58.10	0.49	57.61	53.84

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	54.00-56.00	55.12	30
Central	51.00-58.00	55.63	62
West	50.00-63.50	58.61	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-63.00	62.93	83
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,139	47.00-65.50	62.32

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.50	1,382
BREASTS - B/S	157.00	5,081
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00	1,533
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00	966
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	9,226
WINGS	70.00	3,423

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light to fair and selective entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in good balance. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for most immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate strongest for fast food promotions, retail ads, and where first of the month interest was active. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate, best for planned or present retail feature activity. Breast items and wings were in good balance and moving, dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Buying activity was moderate at best with trading for this week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate overall with heavy WOGs in the longest position. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk 21-23.5 and 4/10s 22.5-23.5, whole leg low 40s, boneless leg meat and thigh meat mid 60s, breast bone-in 86-98 and boneless 145-148. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .30 to 52.12 with the volume reported at 33 loads unchanged from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices into Chicago St. Louis and Detroit were unchanged and too few to report into Ohio from last week's final majorities. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were light. Retail and food service demand light to moderate with fast food movement good. Floor stocks were adequate. Sizes desirable. Parts demand was light with buyers seeking breast items and wings. Trade sentiment fully steady on breast items and wings, steady on balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair and generally confined to previous and/or standing commitments. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, instances light. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate and were generally noted as clearing satisfactorily.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	45-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.06
NO. OF BOXES	10,888

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to fair as dealers assess market condition entering the week. Offerings of bone-in breast were fully adequate. Boneless skinless breast were noted as in fairly good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat items were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to no better than fair. The market tone was steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES,

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		145-150	147.63	440,320
TENDERLOINS		125-130	134.23	130,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS		78-79	80.64	132,720
BREAST - LINE RUN		78	79.54	121,040
LEGS		32-33	29.36	264,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		20-21	20.18	578,899
DRUMSTICKS		23-24	29.80	149,560
THIGHS		22-23	33.03	52,200
B/S THIGHS		62-63	70.86	77,440
WINGS (WHOLE)		59-60	64.88	155,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.30	24,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		30-35	24.04	7,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		40-45	44.88	25,720

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,392	135.00-175.00	138-142	144.75
TENDERLOINS	125	131.00-182.00	-	146.95
BREAST - WITH RIBS	284	79.00-96.00	79-80	81.97
FRONT HALVES	248	64.00-77.00	73	71.68
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,252	16.00-19.00	16-17	16.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,973	18.50-21.00	-	18.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	441	70.00-78.00	-	70.41
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,082	18.00-35.00	-	18.03

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/28	04/24	04/24	04/21	04/17
ALA	3,920	3,780	5.18	3,710	5.11
ARK	5,247	5,143	4.93	5,250	4.85
DELMARVA	2,267	2,152	5.15	1,547	5.08
KY-LA-TN	1,860	1,921	4.89	1,903	4.84
MISS	2,982	2,925	5.19	2,893	5.28
NC	2,584	2,585	6.12	2,029	5.99
TEXAS	2,467	2,425	5.07	2,366	5.07
TOTAL	21,327	20,931	5.19	19,698	5.14
MON	21,327(A)			19,698(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Apr 2003 is estimated to be 31,908,000 up 7.95 percent from a week ago and up 2.14 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,559,000 last year 31,240,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	865	131.00-230.00	136-139	137.70
TENDERLOINS	223	135.00-190.00	135-138	143.13
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	82.00-89.00	82-85	83.18
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	100	23.00-38.00	25-26	26.77
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	625	16.00-19.50	17-18	17.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,036	18.00-26.00	19-20	19.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	60.00-71.00	-	69.47
WINGS (CUT)	427	73.00-85.00	79-80	80.66
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APR 28, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.00 - 47.25	46.07	45.71

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF APR -28- MAY 02, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 157.00	140.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	82.00 - 102.50	82.00 - 85.00
LEGS	24.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 24.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	59.00 - 77.00	69.00 - 70.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	87-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 103-104
	ICE PACK 96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 113
	ICE PACK 104-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-98
	DRY PACK
DUCKS	155-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

25-APR-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-18.50	17.00	550,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.13	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00	10.50-15.00	1,372,000	52,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	12.39		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

25-APR-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	12.50-17.00	223,200	40,800
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	14.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-17.00	11.00-17.00	1,739,200	81,600
WTD AVERAGE	14.98	12.96		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	26,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the at least adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 28-APR-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-9.5	8-8.5	8.03
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-APR-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-11.25	8-8.5	8.51

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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